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NRC TO MEET WITH PROGRESS ENERGY OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS SAFETY PERFORMANCE AT CRYSTAL RIVER NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with Progress Energy officials on Tuesday, April 13, to discuss the results of NRC's annual assessment of safety performance at the Crystal River nuclear power plant near Crystal River, Florida.

The meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Crystal River Nuclear Operations Training Facility, 8200 W. Venable Street in Crystal River. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before its conclusion to answer any questions.

The NRC told Progress Energy that the Crystal River plant operated safely during 2003 and that plant performance was at a level requiring no additional NRC oversight beyond routine inspections. A letter from the NRC to Progress Energy detailing the results of the evaluation is available from Region II Public Affairs and on the NRC web site at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/cr_2003q4.pdf.

The NRC staff, in addition to the normal inspections at Crystal River, will conduct additional inspections of the plant's implementation of any new security Orders and any new security requirements, as well as an inspection in the area of spent fuel material control and accountability.

Current performance indicators for Crystal River are available at www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/CR3/CR3_chart.html.

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